

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Seventh Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Seventh Norfolk Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.4% (507) of these admissions reside in the Seventh Norfolk Representative District. 17% (88) of admissions from the Seventh Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Seventh Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 67% were male and 33% were female.
- 50% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 69% were white non-Latino, 22% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 68% were never married, 15% were married, and 17% reported not to be married now.
- 32% had less than high school education, 44% completed high school, and 24% had more than high school education.
- 27% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Seventh Norfolk Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	51%	21%	8%	6%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Seventh Norfolk Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	401	328	112	120	56	83	49
<b>FY '96</b>	382	301	93	116	75	120	75
<b>FY '97</b>	334	278	90	89	48	56	33
<b>FY '98</b>	462	396	123	134	71	110	72
<b>FY '99</b>	365	274	112	100	68	109	70
<b>FY '00</b>	460	352	120	112	51	116	77
<b>FY '01</b>	595	399	123	124	47	133	84
<b>FY '02</b>	588	360	109	92	53	132	84
<b>FY '03</b>	507	336	136	115	72	118	79